

AN HON. MEMBER: Chitrakut is in Uttar Pradesh.

ANOTHER HON. MEMBER: Shri Vajpayee should first visits Uttar Pradesh and find out himself (*Interruption*)

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE Mr Speaker, Sir, Chitrakut in Uttar Pradesh is adjacent to Madhya Pradesh border You may please ask the hon Minister so that the point is make clear please ask him as to which State, Madhya Pradesh or Uttar Pradesh, was in his mind when he was making a reference to Chitrakut (*Interruptions*)

MR SPEAKER No, Sir (*Interruptions*)

MR SPEAKER Question No 456

[*English*]

**AD-Telecom. Links in Orissa**

456 SHRI ARJUN CHABAN SETHI Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the names of important places in Orissa to be provided with STD facilities and other telecommunication links during 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) Subject to availability of resources, the names of places in Orissa planned to be provided with STD facilities and other telecommunication links in 1992-93 are given in statements 'A' and 'B'

#### STATEMENT A

*Names of the Exchanges proposed to be provided with STD facility during 1992-93*

S No Name of Exchange

1 2

1 Aul

2 Katikata

S.No. Name of Exchange

1 2

3 Keringa

4 Deogarh

5 Bonal

6 Khanar Road

7 Raj Khariar

8 Nawapara

9 Karanjia

10 Bangamunda

11 Athgarh

12 Chhendipada

13 Surada

14 Purusotampur

15 Buguda

16 Khalikote

17 Jaipatna

18 Daspalla

19 Khandapara

20 At tabira

21 Basudevpur

22 Nagram

23 Rupsa

24 Panital

25 Belpora

S No	Name of Exchange
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26	Binka
27	Harishankar Road
28	Loisinga
29	Salebhata
30	Bahugram
31	Balikuda
32	Baramba
33	Binyhapur
34	Chhatia
35	Laraka
36	Kujang
37	Kandarpur
38	Kishore Nagar
39	Khuntuni
40	Kuakhia
41	Kugupur
42	Mouda
43	Sunbuda
44	Nischinta Koili
45	Raghunathpur
46	Mahakal Pada
47	Pani Koili

S No	Name of Exchange
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48	Bilei Pada
49	Gandia
50	Hanchandandpur
51	Ghargao
52	Joranda
53	Tirtol
54	Kankarada
55	Banamalipur
56	Balakati
57	Godaygin
58	Bhatli
59	Radabahal
60	Sohela
61	Siakhandaeta
62	Paikmal
63	Pata Pur
64	Pudaman
65	Seregad (GM)
66	Naria Road
67	Snapalli
68	Jamsola
69	Joshpur

<i>S.No. Name of Exchange</i>	
1	2
70	Kantamal
71.	Bausuni
72.	Gop
73.	Nachuni
74.	Rajsunakhala
75.	Navahai
76.	Mohana
77.	Katatpur
78.	Sarankul
79.	Chhaitana
80.	Odagaon
81.	Bahad Jhola
82.	Tigikia
83.	Brahmanipur
84.	Gin Pur
85.	Bari-Cuttack
86.	Purunapanipur
87.	Bisra
88.	Lathikata
89.	Padiabahal
90.	Dahaspur
91.	Bagdehi

<i>S.No. Name of Exchange</i>	
1	2
92.	Melcramunda
93.	Romenda
94.	Bisepur
95.	Rupa Road
96.	Upkela
97.	Haiadihi
98.	Bhuban
99.	Parjang

**STATEMENT B**

*List of Proposed Telecom Links, Radio  
(Transmission Schemes)*

<i>Sl.No. Name of the Telecom Link</i>	
1	2
1.	Aul - Kendrapara
2.	Bailishmouza - Cuttak
3.	Danpur - Kendrapara
4.	Kandarpur -cuttak
5.	Kusupur - Kendrapara
6.	Korua — Kendrapara
7.	Mahakalpada - Kendrappra
8.	Tigiria - Athgarh
9.	Olatpur - Cuttak

*Sl.No. Name of the  
Telecom Link*

*1 2*

10. Panchupandau -Cuttack
11. Ranghunathpur - Jagatsingpur
12. Rajnagar- Pattamundai
13. Rajkanika - Pattamundai
14. Sunguda - Salepur
15. Tiran - paradip
16. Aska - Shorgarh
17. Bausuni - Sonepur
18. Kantamal - Sonepur
19. Purumakatak - Boudh
20. Boula - Bhadrak
21. Jamsola - Baripada
22. Khunta- Udala
23. Pathuri - Baripada
24. Sullapada - Baripada
25. Balakati - Bhubaneswar
26. Banmalipur - Bhubaneswar
27. Balianta - Bhubandeshwar
28. Gop - Nimapara
29. Kanas - Jatni
30. Rajranpur - Khurda
31. Chitrakonda - Ballmela

*Sl.No. Name of the  
Telecom Link*

*1 2*

32. Ambadola - Bisamkatak
33. Bolpariguda - Deypore (K)
34. Kasipur - Koraput
35. Bagdehi - Jharsubuda
36. Kantapali - Bargarh
37. Balasore - Baripada
38. Brhampur - Pthara- Bhanjngr
39. Cutck-Nitigiri- Kendrapara
40. Jharsuguda- Brajrajnagar
41. Kesinga- Titlagarh
42. Koraput-R-Lakhimpur
43. Parlekhamundi-R/R-S' K' KLM (Srikakulam)
44. Rajgangpur-Raurkela
45. Koraput-Chitradurga
46. Cuttak-Nathgiri

SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is no doubt that the hon. Minister has sanctioned a number of places in Orissa which require immediate STD connection. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether while providing this STD facility to a particular place, he will give preference to sub-Divisional headquarters or ~~Tehsil~~ headquarters. There are some sub-divisional headquarters which are not included in the list. I would request the Minister to at least include the sub-divisional head-

quarters in the list that is going to be prepared for the current year.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Mr. Speaker, Sir the policy of the Government is to give priority to a district headquarter. I am happy to inform the House and especially to the hon. member from Orissa that all district headquarters in Orissa have been provided with STD facility. Out of 58 sub-divisional headquarters, 48 have been provided with STD. Only 10 are left. I must compliment the Officers and workers of Orissa. About 50 per cent of electronic exchanges have been replaced (Interruptions)

[Translation]

All the equal for us and no one is discriminated against. But others may interpret it in a different way.

[English]

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Sir, 26 of the pilgrimage and tourists centres have been given STD facility. Only 10 are left. If the hon. Member has anything in mind, he may give this information to me and I will certainly give priority to that place.

SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Sir, at least, one Sub-Divisional Headquarters, in my constituency, is left out now and that is Nilgiri. It is most essential because here concentration of tribal population is there.

I would request the hon. Minister that he should also, at least, include this Sub-Divisional Headquarters along with the other Sub-Divisional Headquarters which have large concentrations of tribal population.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: This is a request from Mrs. Sethi that she must contact you everyday. I will certainly get it done.

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Sir, certainly, the progress made by the Government in the expansion of tele-communication facilities in the country is spectacular and is commendable.

Sir, 99 places have been named in the statement that has been supplied to us as telephone Exchange where STD facility in Orissa will be provided this, year.

I would like to know from the hon. Minister, through you, as to what will be the percentage of the total number of exchanges in Orissa that will be provided with the STD facility and how does it compare with the national average. At the same time, the important Sub-Divisional Headquarters like Deogarh, which will soon have the distinction of being the District Headquarters, have yet to be provided with the same facility. The plea taken is that, there is some delay in getting the required equipment and so on. I want to know whether Deogarh and Pallahara will also be included.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Sir, as I said earlier, Orissa is slightly ahead as far as the Electronic Exchanges are concerned. But that is because, they have a less number of Exchanges compared to the other parts of the country. I do agree with this.

As far as the nation is concerned, we have 50 per cent of Electronic Exchanges functioning in Orissa today. When, our government took over - if the hon. Member of Parliament Shri Vajpayee does not give a reflection of praising the Government there were 66 Electronic Exchanges with STD facility in Orissa. At that time the Janta Dal and your Government were there. So, within seven months of our coming to power, we have added another one hundred. And this year, we are going to add another 99.

So, we are giving a boost to the backward States like Orissa in order to see that in communication, they are one of the best States.